MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of patients in the hospital.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: About 130 and 50 in this building.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of cots provided ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: 37 cots are provided in the main building, but 50 patients are usually accommodated here.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Does the honourable member realise that there is not a complaint for want of accommodation in the Ophthalmic Hospital ?

PRESIDENT: There is a very chronic complaint about this.

The question whether Rs. 1,600 be granted under Supplementary Grant IX— Medical, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

X. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,050 for additional T. A. to the District Health Officers.

This amount was necessitated by the frequent tours done by the District Officers in connection with the outbreak of plague in Munnar, Alleppey and Quilon. This additional expenditure had to be incurred in the interest of efficiency of work. I therefore request the House that this amount may be granted.

The question whether Rs. 1,050 be granted under Supplementary Grant X—Public Health and Sanitation, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XI. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 69,700 for urgent works under the Town Planning Scheme in Trivandrum etc.

In moving this I may state that a sum of Rs. 1,99,000 was provided in the Budget for 1115. Out of this an amount of Rs. 1,00,000 was alloted for the construction of new Office Buildings which are being constructed near the Museum and in consequence funds for other urgent works like the shelcreting of the roads were not available. On the whole Rs. 2,60,000 is required to carry out the programme of works this year and as more than 50 per cent of this allotment were taken away by the construction of buildings it became difficult to provide funds out of it for the carrying out of urgent works. Out of this, however, a sum of Rs. 40,000 is available by diversion for the Town planning works. The additional grant required for the town planning

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work alone will be Rs. 33,250. Besides this a sum of Rs. 16,000 is required to keep the roads in a better condition. Also amounts for the maintenance of the Council Chamber and for some wards in the General Hospital were not provided in the budget. On the whole a sum of Rs. 17,400 is required under maintenance. Then owing to the shifting of the Armed Reserve Police to Oolampara and for meeting some other original works, a sum of Rs. 28,650 is required out of which Rs. 10,000 was diverted. Thus a total of Rs. 69,700 under these heads is required as additional grant. There are some funds available under the head of Military Works but that could not be diverted without special sanction.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is it not possible to get the required Government sanction for this?

PRESIDENT: If the Military has to be sent out from here other battalions will have to be raised immediately. So it is not proper to divert the amount allotted for Military expenditure.

The question whether Rs. 69,700 be granted under Supplementary Grant XI—Public Works Department, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XIII. POLICE.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 19,100 for (i) Installation of Telephones Rs. 1,700, (ii) Installation of electric lights Rs. 400, (iii) Additional T. A, for the Police Department Rs. 17,000.

As regards item No. (i), because this is an age of advanced scientific applicances, the majority of which are designed to annihilate time and space it is in the fitness of things that the Police a Key department should never lag behind in their equipment. Moreover, I have found out that with the aid of telephones office work and executive work is done more economically and speedly.

LIKEWISE No. 2.

With regard to item No. 3. as our Dewan President has said in the course of his speech which we have all heard today it is a fact that in India the V column activities are going on; and in our State also there is trouble from the same source. In order to combat this myself and my men should move about quickly and frequently. That is why I have asked for the grant under T. A. including a sum of Rs. 14,000 on account of T. A. in 1114 which had to be met from the current year allotment for T. A. In this connection I may say that it is eight months since I received my T. A.

The question whether Rs. 19,100 be granted under Supplementary Grant XIII, Police, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

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